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SUBJ: ROMANIA SALUTES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PRG

1. ROMANIAN CENTRAL PRESS JUNE 6 WARMLY SALUTED FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) OF SOUTH VIETNAM. PRESS PLAY INCLUDED LAUDATORY D. TINU ARTICLE POINTING OUT THAT ROMANIA WAS AMONG FIRST STATES TO RECOGNIZE PRG AND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH IT. ALSO PUBLISHED WAS TEXT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM CEAUSESCU AND PRIMIN MANESCU TO PRESIDENT OF NLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE NGUYEN HUU THO AND PRG PRESIDENT HUYNH TAN PHAT. ROMANIAN PRIMIN AND FONMIN, INTER ALIA, ATTENDED RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR OF "REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM" MARKING ANNIVERSARY AND "NATIONAL DAY."

2. COMMENT: ROMANIAN OBSERVANCES OF PRG ANNIVERSARY DO NOT INDICATE A POLICY SHIFT BUT RATHER REEMPHASIZE CONTINUING GOR DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH ASIAN CP'S AND OTHERS NOT UNDER SOVIET CONTROL IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE GOR'S OWN MANEUVERING ROOM TO ENHANCE ITS INDEPENDENCE.

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